

Richmond Planning Commission
Warning for Public Hearing

Amendments to the Flood Hazard Overlay District Regulations

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4444, the Richmond Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Flood Hazard Overlay District Regulations on Wednesday December 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Richmond Town Center Meeting Room, 203 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT.

The Flood Hazard Overlay District, is the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas as depicted on the most current Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Studies (FIS) published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The primary purpose of the proposed changes are primarily to ease the permit process for property owners seeking to undertake basic repairs and maintenance.

The most significant changes include exempting basic repair and maintenance activities, increasing the administrative officer's authority to issue zoning permits without prior Conditional Use approval and prohibiting the creation of new dwelling units in the special flood hazard area.

The proposed changes are contained within Section 6.8 Flood Hazard Overlay District of the Richmond Zoning Regulations. A copy of the proposed zoning amendments may be viewed at the Richmond Town Clerks Office or on the municipal website at <http://www.richmondvt.gov/documents/ordinances/>.